

VISN 1 Career Development Award (CDA) Recipients 2010-2024

2024-2026

Name	Station	Project Title
Aita, Stephen	Maine	"Neuropsychological intra-individual variability in traumatic brain injury: Evaluation of biopsychosocial contributors"
Arulpragasam, Amanda	Providence	"Characterizing and Improving Anhedonia in Depressed Veterans: A Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Study"
Imran, Tasmin	Providence	"Mechanistic evaluation of myocardial dysfunction in heart failure with preserved ejection fraction using advanced imaging biomarkers and biomechanics"
McLean, Caitlin	CWM	"Mantram Repetition Program for Women Veterans: An Adaptation Study"
Roncarati, Jill	Bedford	"A Formative Evaluation of Offering Lung Cancer Screening to Veterans Experiencing Homelessness and Formerly Homeless Veterans within VISN 1"
Schrader, Shannon	Connecticut	"Assessment of factors that can influence treatment success during and after intensive outpatient treatment"
Varghese-Thengone, Merilyn	Connecticut	"Mechanistic evaluation of myocardial dysfunction in heart failure with preserved ejection fraction using advanced imaging biomarkers and biomechanics"

2023-2025

Name	Station	Project Title
Kennedy, Katherine	Providence	"Understanding the Role of Nursing Assistant Training on Veteran and Staff Outcomes in VA Community Living Centers: Pilot to National Study"
O'Malley, Kelly	Boston	"Transforming Trauma-Informed Care in VA Community Living Centers"
Van Patten, Ryan	Providence	"Telehealth-based evaluations of cognitive functioning and mental health in a national sample of Veterans with psychogenic nonepileptic seizures: A feasibility study"
Webermann, Aliya	Connecticut	"Clinical impacts of the military sexual trauma disability claims process"

2022-2024

Name	Station	Project Title
Manning, Edward	Connecticut	"Aging of the Human Pulmonary Artery: From Gene Expression to Tissue Remodeling"
Peltier, MacKenzie	Connecticut	"Proof of Concept: Brexanolone to target stress-induced alcohol use among male and female Veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)"
Tobochnik, Steven	Boston	"Effect of glioma genetic variation and local neuronal activity on peritumoral epileptogenicity"
Wesolowicz, Danielle	Connecticut	"Development of an adaptive text message intervention to enhance use of pain self-management strategies"

2021-2023

Name	Station	Project Title
Aunon, Frances	Connecticut	"Pre-piloting a motivational interviewing-based intervention for lethal means safety in primary care"
DiSano, Krista	WRJ	"Neuroinflammation and neuropsychiatric consequences of brain injury: Determining the role of central nervous system barrier integrity in mediating outcomes"
Gaffey, Allison	Connecticut	"Sleep, multi-morbidity, and healthcare utilization: A coordinated approach to improve sleep health outcomes for Veterans"
Hartman, Rebecca	Boston	"Risk Prediction of Aggressive Melanoma in Veterans"
Sung, Minhee	Connecticut	"Factors that impact long-term buprenorphine retention among Veterans with opioid use disorder: A mixed-methods study"

2020-2022

Name	Station	Project Title
Ankawi, Brett	Connecticut	"Tailoring Pain Treatment to Activity Patterns"
Erqou, Sebhat	Providence	"Improving quality of cardiovascular care in Veterans living with human immunodeficiency virus infection"
Levis, Maxwell	WRJ	"Leveraging Natural Language Processing to Evaluate Suicide Risk in Electronic Medical Record Notes"
Martin, Ashley	Connecticut	"Understanding the impact of acute and chronic cannabinoid exposure in Veterans using

		simultaneous magnetoencephalography and electroencephalography”
Noller, Crystal	WRJ	“Neuromodulation to Alter Acute Inflammation and Neuropsychiatric Deficits Following Traumatic Brain Injury”
Warren, Allison	Connecticut	“Examining patient and provider challenges of sex-based clinical reminders among transgender Veterans”

2019-2021

Name	Station	Project Title
Cherry, Jonathan	Boston	“Investigating the full spectrum of neuroinflammatorygenetic phenotypes present in Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy”
Connolly, Samantha	Boston	“Examining Implementation of VA Video Connect within Mental Health Clinics”
Girgenti, Matthew	Connecticut	“Single-cell molecular mechanisms of PTSD and suicide”
Kroll-Desrosiers, Aimee	CWM	“Depression Care Pathways among Perinatal Veterans Receiving Veterans Health Administration Care”
McClendon-Iacovino, Juliette	Boston	“Talking about Racism: Evaluation of a Group Intervention to Reduce Race-based Stress among Veterans of Color”
Quach, Emma	Bedford	"Supporting older Veterans with dementia to live at home: A focus on family caregivers and formal long-term services and supports (LTSS)"

2018-2020

Name	Station	Project Title
MacLean, Robert	Connecticut	“Opioid and Pain Cognitive Bias Modification in Opioid Use Disorder”
Relyea, Mark	Connecticut	“Identifying strategies for intervening in Veterans’ sexual and gender harassment”
Schindler, Emmanuelle	Connecticut	“Short- and Long-Term Efficacy and Safety of an Indoleamine Serotonin2A Receptor Agonist in the Treatment of Post-Traumatic Headache in Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury”
Tolchin, Benjamin	Connecticut	“Electronic motivational interviewing for veterans with psychogenic nonepileptic seizures: development and feasibility testing”

2017-2019

Name	Station	Project Title
Edmond, Sara	Connecticut	"Pain Shared Medical Appointment to Refocus Treatment"
Holzhauser, Cathryn	CWM	"Emotion dysregulation as a therapeutic target in women Veterans with alcohol misuse"
McConeghy, Kevin	Providence	"Antimicrobial Allergies and Veteran's Health: Uncharted Territory in Antimicrobial Stewardship"
Portnoy, Galina	Connecticut	"Detection of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Perpetration among Veterans"
Riblet, Natalie	WRJ	"Prevention of suicide in Veterans through brief intervention and contact (V-BIC): a pilot study"
Sherif, Mohamed	Connecticut	"Using EEG to investigate the rapid anti-depressant effect of intravenous ketamine in veterans diagnosed with treatment-resistant depression"

2016-2018

Name	Station	Project Title
Averill, Lynnette	Connecticut	"Intrinsic Functional Connectivity and Cognition in Posttraumatic Stress Disorder"
Branch-Elliman, Westyn	Boston	"Improving Veterans' Care by Expanding Infection Prevention to Outpatients"
Driscoll, Mary	Connecticut	"Peer Support in the Chronic Pain Experience of Women Veterans"
Rinne, Seppo	Bedford	"Organization of Care for Veterans with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease"

2015-2017

Name	Station	Project Title
Henderson, Eric	WRJ	"How Patient-Centered is Their Care? Assessing Decision Quality and the Role for Shared Decision-Making in Veterans Receiving Treatment for Hip or Knee Osteoarthritis"
Kim, Bo	Bedford	"Examining Veterans' transitions from specialty mental health to primary care"
Schroeck, Florian	WRJ	"Towards Risk-Aligned Care for Veterans with Early Stage Bladder Cancer"
Sippel, Lauren	Connecticut	"Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Affective Functioning: A Test of the Potentially Normalizing Effects of Oxytocin"

2014-2016

Name	Station	Project Title
Altalib, Hamada Hamid	Connecticut	"Non-epileptic seizures in the Veterans Health Administration"
Black, Anne	Connecticut	"Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) for Sexual Risk Behavior"
Jasuja, Guneet	Bedford	"Understanding testosterone prescribing in the VHA"
Jensen, Kevin	Connecticut	"An Investigation on the Genetics of Nicotine Withdrawal and PTSD"
Morrill, Hailey	Providence	"Drug resistant Gram-negative bacteria in the New England VA Healthcare System: Advancing Antimicrobial Stewardship efforts"
Mull, Hillary	Boston	"Characteristics of outpatient surgery in VISN 1 medical facilities"
Ranganathan, Mohini	Connecticut	"Can Gly1 inhibition facilitate the effects of cognitive remediation on cognitive deficits in Schizophrenia?"
Surti, Toral	Connecticut	"Cognitive remediation for perceptual deficits in schizophrenia"
Thomas, Kali	Providence	"Evaluating Cash Benefit Programs for Veterans' Long-Term Care"
Vilanamanda, Varsha	Bedford	"Improving coordination of specialty diabetes care in the era of PACTs"
Wachterman, Melissa	Boston	"Deciding about Dialysis: Decision-Making Among Older Veterans with End-Stage Renal Disease"

2013-2015

Name	Station	Project Title
Akgun, Kathleen	Connecticut	"Quality outcomes and patient satisfaction associated with medical intensive care unit admission"
Borsari, Brian	Providence	"Coding laboratory for therapist-client interactions"
Greenberg, Paul	Providence	"Process Quality and Outcomes in Cataract Surgery"
Hermes, Eric	Connecticut	"Implementation of computer-based cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia among Veterans with non-psychotic mental health disorders as an alternative or adjunct to pharmacologic treatment"
Stricker, Nikki	Boston	"Does retrogenesis explain regional white matter integrity in Mild Cognitive Impairment?"

2012-2014

Name	Station	Project Title
Creech, Suzannah	Providence	"Intervention to improve intimate relationships and social support in women veterans"
Haspel, Jeffrey	Boston	"The role of macroautophagy in cellular damage during sepsis"
Herman, Aryeh	Connecticut	"Genetic moderators of intravenous nicotine responses in humans"
Linsky, Amy	Boston	"Patient and provider perceptions of intentional medication discontinuation"
Sewell, Andrew	Connecticut	"What are the contributions of the cannabinoid system to alcoholism?"

2011-2013

Name	Station	Project Title
Caffrey, Aisling	Providence	"Comparative effectiveness of antimicrobials for the treatment of MRSA"
Deason, Rebecca	Boston	"New flexible learning in patients with Alzheimer's disease"
Drescher, Frank	WRJ	"CT pulmonary angiography for suspected pulmonary embolism"
Jackson, Eric	Connecticut	"The impact of acute stress on emotional learning and memory in PTSD"
Primack, Jennifer	Providence	"Men's stress workshop: treatment development, acceptability and feasibility"

2010-2012

Name	Station	Project Title
Kelly, Megan	Bedford	"A mindfulness and acceptance-based smoking cessation treatment for veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder"
Petrella, Brenda	WRJ	"The role of MT1-MMP in renal tumorigenesis"
Shiner, Brian	WRJ	"Developing tools to assess the quality of clinical care for PTSD"
Sullivan, Christopher	Bedford	"Therapeutic Neurogenesis: Retromer couples the secretion of ApoE and Wnt protein in the brain"
Tsai, Jack	Connecticut	"Pilot study of an alternative supported housing approach"